



# PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Dear Students / Parents / Carers,

## **Success Stories**

This year we would like to celebrate the successes of our students. We have therefore created an email address: <u>achievement@wathacademy.com</u> for parents/carers to send in information about their child's success.

Below is Brandon Swords who is one of our Y12 students. Brandon won the Banning Cup on 11th June at Tinsley Park Golf Club. Brandon is part of our 6th form golf scholarship programme through which he accesses the fantastic facilities and coaching at Waterfront Golf Club. Well done Brandon, we are sure you will go on to win many more competitions.

## **UPCOMING** EVENTS:

**NEWSLETTER** – ISSUE 20

PARENTS' EVENING

Year 10 Tuesday 21 June 2022

ACADEMY AWARDS Wednesday 6 July 2022

2021/22 TERM DATES

SUMMER HALF TERM 30 May- 6 June 2022

SUMMER HOLIDAY 21 July – 1 September 2022



#### Year 11 and 13

Year 11 and 13 have one more week of exams before they finish their time here at Wath Academy. They have been an absolute credit to the academy and we are sure that their hard work will see them be successful through this process.

We are now looking forward to the Y11 Prom and Y13 end of year ball to celebrate their time at the academy.

We do recognise that this can be a stressful time for students and families, if you or your child wished to access any support, please contact Mr Lines (<u>slines@wathacademy.com</u>) or Mrs Jandu (<u>ajandu@wathacademy.com</u>), they will be able to put the appropriate support in place for you and/or your child.

#### Next year's school day:

I wrote to parents earlier this week to share next year's school day information following the proposed changes. We remain absolutely committed to moving to the proposed curriculum model, but as shared we are having to delay this until the following academic year. Below is a table showing the timings of the school day for 2022-23.

School Day - 2022-23							
	Student Timings	Length					
Tutor Period	08:25 - 08:50	25 mins					
Tutor Period	Students must be onsite for 8:20	23 111115					
Period 1	08:50 - 10:30	100 mins					
Break	10:30 - 10:50	20 mins					
Period 2	10:50 - 12:30	100 mins					
Lunch	12:30 - 13:10	40 mins					
Period 3	13:10 - 14:50	100 min					
Period 4 (Y11 only)	14:50 - 15:40	50mins					







#### **Kev Points**

- We have been able to implement some of the feedback gathered by stakeholders with tutor being 25 minutes (5 minutes more than KS3 tutor this year).
- The school day now starts at 08:25 for all students, this means students must be in the building for 08:20. The normal bus service will continue to run in a morning.
- Lessons are remaining at 100 minutes, this is to ensure that the school day finishes at 14:50.
- Year 11 will continue to have an extended school day in preparation for their exams.
- There is no structured stagger to lesson times. However, there will be a subtle stagger implemented when moving students to lessons to avoid the corridors becoming overcrowded. Students will move from break and lunch locations in year groups as they have this year.

In September Year 8 – 11, and Y13 will start the Autumn term on Monday 5th September. Year 7 and Year 12 will start the Autumn term on Friday 2nd September. Further details about next year will be sent out later this term.

### **Academy Awards**

There are still opportunities for local businesses to sponsor a page in the programme or even a prestigious award. In addition to advertising the business, we would also provide each sponsor with two VIP tickets which include reserved seating, canapés and drinks on arrival.

All money raised through sponsorship will be put directly in to making the event even more special. If you would like to sponsor the event in any way, please get in touch with us at academyawards@wathacademy.com

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mr Ransome Principal



# SIXTH FORM

## Leavers assembly

The Y13 leavers assembly will take place on Friday 24 June in the Sixth Form Study Area. This will now start at 12 o'clock, not 1 o'clock as previously stated. This will be an opportunity for teachers and the Sixth Form Team to say one final well done and congratulate our students on a successful two years.



## Y12 work experience

All Y12 students will be completing a 2-week work experience placement beginning on Monday 4 July. Placements should now be secured, and the relevant work experience form submitted to Mrs Frith in the Library as soon as possible. Parents of students who have not yet returned their placement forms will be contacted to ask that they take responsibility for their health and safety whilst on placement.

## Y12 Parents and Carers HE event

We are holding a Y12 Parents and Carers HE event on Thursday 30 June 6.00 p.m.-7.30 p.m in the Sixth Form Study Area. This is an opportunity to parents to receive further information about how to support their children through their Post-18 options. We have a number of speakers and Wath Academy alumni who will be on hand to answer any questions you may have.



Well done Rome. Double victory last Friday. This put's us in 3rd place for this half term. If we keep this up we'll win this half term!



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# Get Up To Speed With Employability Skills – Summer Academy

Work Wise are pleased to announce that they are now taking bookings for their **Summer Academy** taking place from **Monday 1 to Thursday 4 August 2022**.

The opportunity is free-to-attend for students aged between 14 and 18 looking to gain an insight into the world of work. The 4-day programme offers exciting hands-on interactive activities, in various work-based settings that will help them gain key skills that employers are looking for in a fun and friendly environment. Please see below for more information.





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Trainee Sales & Administration (16-18yr) Starting salary £7.25 per hour plus bonus

CALL OR EMAIL BEN HADFIELD TO ARRANGE AN INTERVIEW-

01226 361 306

# **Y11 Careers Guidance**

- Y11 Careers Guidance Careers guidance is still available for Y11 students. All Y11 students should have made a post 16 application, but there is still time to make further applications or receive support. Please speak to a member of the Careers team in the Library for more information.
- A representative from JobCentre Plus has been into the academy offering additional support to students who are looking for apprenticeship opportunities. Students should contact the careers team if they would like an appointment.
- Careers Drop Zone is available for Y11students, Wednesday lunchtime, in the Library!



# **DEPARTMENT INFORMATION – ICT AND COMPUTER SCIENCE**

Students have established a wide range of skills this year through their lessons in IT and Computer Science. KS3 groups have become more proficient in their use of Microsoft Office applications and have further developed an understanding of coding using a range of software including Scratch, Kodu, Small Basic and Python. They have also had a number of sessions on eSafety issues and have completed a range of creative challenges manipulating images, creating audio and producing a short animation.

KS4 Creative Media students have used Photoshop to recreate a number of music related graphics and magazines, whilst Computer Science students have developed a greater understanding of how computers are built, coded and communicate globally.

KS5 IT students created an Augmented Reality project, built a PC and designed a product that utilises many features of the internet. We also had a Computer Science class in Y13 for the first time who had to create complex independent programming projects. As we move towards the end of the year it's now time to reflect on the many new technological advances over the last twelve months to see how we can incorporate these in many more engaging and enjoyable lessons for staff and students alike!



# ACADEMY AWARDS

As you are aware we are holding our Academy Awards on Wednesday 6 July, and we cannot wait!

There is an opportunity for local businesses to sponsor a page in the programme or even a prestigious award. All money raised through sponsorship will be put directly in to making the event even more special!

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## E -SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK - Phone Scams

In a three-month period during 2021, no fewer than 45 million people in the UK experienced a suspicious attempt at being contacted via their mobile. Phone scams are a common form of cyber-attack where fraudsters engage directly with their intended victim through their smartphone. As our phones carry so many sensitive (and therefore potentially valuable) details about us, it's vital that trusted adults are alert to the tactics that scammers use to get access to user accounts, personal data and private information for financial gain.





# STUDENT SUCCESS STORY

We have some AMAZING news to share!! Katie has been selected to represent SY at the English Schools Athletics Competition in Manchester in July!! This is an outstanding achievement. Katie has worked incredibly hard this season to improve her PB to the selection time!! GOOD LUCK!



# Wath Academy PE Extra Curricular

## **JUNE 2022**

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Α	Rounders Training Y7-9	Fitness Suite – all	Athletics at Wath	Y8-10 Cricket	Rounders Training	Y10 BTEC SPORT
20 <sup>™</sup> JUNE		years		Training	Y10	<b>Revision Morning</b>
					Yr7 Cricket Practice until 3.45	Ê

# WOMENS EURO 2022 TRIP



We still have a few places available for this visit! If you would like to attend please go to the PE department to collect a letter.

# TERM DATES 22-23

Our term dates and INSET days for the next academic year can be found on the academy website by clicking the following link <u>Wath Academy - TERM DATES 2022 - 23</u>

# FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

Yesterday we hosted an U18 Women's tournament in conjunction with SHCFA

5 teams from Hall Cross Academy, Sheffield Wednesday FC Community Programme, Sheffield United Community Foundation and Wath Scholars competed in very warm conditions – Well done to everyone involved!!



